

# Sacramento Report



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Assemblyman, 46th District

**March Budget Session**  
According to the Constitution of the State of California, the Legislature normally meets only once a year, in the month of March. In 1953, however, the Legislature met in March, April, May, and June. The session in March was the first of the year, and during that month the Legislature passed the budget for 1954. The budget session is a special session, and the Legislature is not required to meet in March. However, if the Governor calls a special session, the Legislature must meet in March. The budget session is the most important session of the year, and it is during this session that the Legislature passes the budget for the next year. The budget is a statement of the state's financial condition, and it is the responsibility of the Legislature to pass a budget that is balanced and that provides for the state's needs. The budget session is a time of great activity, and it is during this session that the Legislature debates and passes the budget. The budget is a complex document, and it is the responsibility of the Legislature to pass a budget that is balanced and that provides for the state's needs. The budget session is a time of great activity, and it is during this session that the Legislature debates and passes the budget.

**Narcotics Bill**  
Liquor is the only subject which the Governor considered during the March session. My own bill, Assembly Bill No. 88, which gives the State Board of Equalization authority to sell liquor to minors, was not passed. However, if the Governor signs the bill, the Governor's veto would be overridden by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature. The bill is a measure to allow the State Board of Equalization to sell liquor to minors, and it is a measure that is of great importance to the State. The bill is a measure to allow the State Board of Equalization to sell liquor to minors, and it is a measure that is of great importance to the State. The bill is a measure to allow the State Board of Equalization to sell liquor to minors, and it is a measure that is of great importance to the State.

**Liquor Bills**  
The Legislature will pass and the Governor will sign more liquor bills than ever in any short session. In many reform bills only liquor is related to liquor control, using liquor control as a reason for being considered. The March budget session is a time of great activity, and it is during this session that the Legislature debates and passes the budget. The budget is a complex document, and it is the responsibility of the Legislature to pass a budget that is balanced and that provides for the state's needs. The budget session is a time of great activity, and it is during this session that the Legislature debates and passes the budget.

**Not Well Organized**  
It is my guess that not more than one-half the bar owners have belonged to their own Tavern Owners' Association at any one time, and that not more than 25 per cent of the bar owners keep their dues paid up. This will come as a surprise to most readers of this family journal, but my figures are based upon the reports of the Tavern Owners' Association itself, backed up by telephoning bar owners and asking them if they belong to any trade association. Those who have off-sale licenses (bottle-shop owners) are even less active in a trade association. It is my understanding that less than 10 per cent of the bottle-shop owners belong to an organization formed to protect their interests.

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makers shows the trend of thought. One objection is that we would have a vast number of wet and dry islands, making law enforcement more difficult. (2) Selling or giving liquor to minors a felony. Another proposed law would make it a misdemeanor to sell or give liquor to minors the first time and a felony to do this a second time. The sentence might be optional with the judge, or mandatory, depending upon what the Legislature wants to do this session, but I do believe that penalties for selling or giving liquor to minors will be made more rigid. The problem here is the identification of a minor as a minor. Many liquor dealers claim they have been "framed" by people who look old enough to buy liquor and yet are under twenty-one years of age.

(3) Non-transferability of liquor licenses. An off-sale license legally costs only \$525, but very few people have been able to buy one at that price. The going rate fluctuates from \$8000 to \$15,000 and sometimes it is even higher. It is now proposed that when the present owner dies or goes out of business, the license will be cancelled. A less stringent bill provides that non-transferability of licenses will apply to all licenses issued in the future but not to those presently in existence. This will provide a hot fight in the Legislature, because the present owners of licenses regard them as pieces of property to be bought and sold at will. Obviously, liquor license holders will not cheerfully face the loss of part of their invested capital.

In addition to the three topics listed above, countless other liquor subjects will come up in March. One is the requirement that all bartenders be fingerprinted, photographed and provided with identification cards. Another is that bars be more brightly illuminated. Still another will provide severe penalties for bar owners who knowingly and willfully permit prostitutes, solicitors for prostitutes, dope peddlers, and sexual perverts to loiter in or near a place where liquor is sold or consumed.

Write to me thus during March: Charles Edward Chapel, Assemblyman, State Capitol, Sacramento 14, California. Tell me what liquor laws you want enacted in March.



JOSEPH ZELAN JR.  
To Study in Germany

## Local Man Named Exchange Scholar

Frankfurt University in Germany will study headquarters for Joseph Zelan Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Zelan, 1418 Post Ave., during the 1954-55 school year.

The 19-year-old youth, who entered UC on his sixteenth birthday, was one of the two named from the 12,000 students attending the university to study under the exchange program administered by the student government.

Recipient of many scholarships at UC, he will graduate with an AB in psychology in June.

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The only strong liquor trade association is the one financed by brewers and distillers and formerly headed by Arthur Samish. Curiously enough, that organization has fought the Tavern Owners' Association frequently and also attacked the bottle-shop association, simply because the brewers and distillers wanted to control every segment of the liquor trade.

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**EMPIRE AREA**  
Britain's pre-war colonial possessions comprised a combined total of 12,230,457 square miles. The Dominion of Canada accounted for about one-fourth of the total.

## Steinbaugh

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was principal of high schools in Le Mars, Ia., and Nebraska City, Neb.

In 1946-48 he returned as principal to the Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs, Ia., from which he was graduated about 20 years before. Some of his own teachers were still on the faculty.

Both Steinbaugh and his wife, the former Maria Holmgard, are natives of Council Bluffs. They have three children: Ann, 16, a Junior at Torrance High School; Robert, 14, a freshman at Redondo High School, and Douglas, 6, who is in kindergarten at Malaga Cove, Palos Verdes. The family home is at 1541 Espinosa Circle, Palos Verdes Estates.

## Bob Finch

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ings of the group will be Jack R. St. Max L. Heath, S. Eugene Calkins, and Ronald H. Hartman. Jack Drown, 17th Congressional District chairman and head of the fact-finding group, pledged the support of the district Republican organization for Finch.

## Young Girls

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## Mayor Proclaims Mar. 5 Day of Prayer in City

Pointing out that we need God's help to resolve conditions of tension and uncertainty in the world today, Mayor Mervin M. Schwab this week proclaimed Friday, March 5, as a day of prayer "for a better world for all people."

On this Friday, first of the Lenten season, he should "bow our heads in reverent acknowledgment of our dependence and reliance upon Almighty God," he said. "I urge everyone to pause in his work for one minute to ask that God give us that hope that is in Christ Jesus, light to guide us, courage to support us, and love to unite us."

The day of prayer will be observed by Christians the world over, a total of 113 countries participating this year, Mrs. John Parks, press chairman, said. Locally, three community services are planned: the service of worship at 1:30 p.m. with the First Methodist Church as meeting place and two special services, one during the lunch hour at the First Baptist Church for high school students and others, and general open meeting at 7:30 p.m., also at the First Baptist Church.

In addition, the Rev. Arthur E. Belle has invited all women to partake of Holy Communion at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on the preceding Thursday at 11 a.m., following a prayer hour at 10 o'clock.

## Keystone Pair Found Guilty

A pair of Keystone brothers face a possible sentence of a year in county jail today after being found guilty of two counts of felonious assault in Long Beach Superior Court. The brothers, Bruce Hooker, 20, and Wayne Hooker, 19, of 22608 S. Main St., were found guilty of attacking two local men with intent to do great bodily harm in a fracas on Christmas Eve in front of 1403 W. Carson St. They are due for probation and sentencing on March 19.

The victims, W. K. Coons, 1447 W. 228th St., and Roy J. Patton, 26135 Narbonne Ave., Long Beach, told police the two Hookers and a younger juvenile brother attacked them apparently with no provocation.

## Rites Set for Calla Nourse

Calla Rachael Nourse, 80, a former resident of Torrance for many years, died Tuesday at her home in Redondo Beach and funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. tomorrow in White and Day Colonial Chapel. Born in Indiana, Mrs. Nourse had lived in Redondo for about two years. She moved there from Torrance. Survivors include her husband, Sam, a son, Lester E. Stanley, of Paradise, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Cecil Andreade, of Oakland; six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Interment at Pacific Crest Cemetery will follow the rites.



FLOYD MAYS  
Lukemia Causes Death

## Death Claims Young Sailor

A 25-year-old Torrance sailor—a victim of leukemia—died Feb. 9 at San Diego Naval Hospital and funeral services were held Feb. 12 in Chula Vista.

The sailor, Floyd Mays, a 1947 graduate of Torrance High School, had been in the navy for eight years. He had been stationed in Memphis, Tenn.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mabel E. Arvin, of National City; two sisters, Beverly Gargalis, of 1016 Faysmith Ave., and Ruth Dybdal, of Long Beach; and a brother, Donald, who is in the Air Force.

## CHURCH MEMBERS

Membership in U.S. Protestant churches increased about 65 per cent from approximately 31.5 million in 1926 to more than 52 million in 1952, according to recent religious estimates.

## TOBACCO NEEDS

Tobacco products use about 70 million pounds of sugar in a normal year.

## Board Offered Chance to Train Teachers Here

A plan that would enable any resident of Torrance with an AB degree to become a qualified teacher within one year was presented for first reading to the Board of Education Tuesday evening.

Designed to attract qualified, mature persons into the undermanned teaching profession, the plan is being sponsored by the Ford Foundation through the University of Southern California.

## Train at USC

If Torrance Unified School District agrees to participate, any local resident with a bachelor's degree received prior to July 1, 1952 would be enabled to obtain the necessary professional courses in education at USC to become an elementary school teacher.

The candidate would enroll in an SC summer school, starting in June, and would begin teaching in a local school in September, while continuing courses at the University on Saturday mornings. The school year would be followed by another summer school. At the end of one year, the candidate would have met all state legal requirements for the teaching credential.

Foundation pays  
The Ford Foundation would pay \$600 of the \$700 expense and the candidate would pay the other \$100.

USC plans to train 90 teachers in this method next year. They will parcel out these candidates to some of the better school districts—including Torrance—that are within commuting distance of the University.

The Board may decide whether to participate in the project at its next regular meeting.

## Knives Anti-Red Cross Lie with Story of Aid

J. Hugh Sherrey, city chairman for Torrance in the Red Cross fund-raising drive, to begin Monday, March 1, today knifed an anti-Red Cross rumor circulated here that a local family burned out of its home a year ago had been refused Red Cross aid.

The family applied for assistance and was turned down, the rumor went. Thus mother, father, and a number of small children were left homeless and destitute.

Sherrey today, after thorough check, declared the rumor to be completely unfounded and contrary to all facts of the case.

He found that contrary to denying aid the Red Cross supplied clothing, food, and shelter for the family for a period covering three months until the family could rehabilitate itself and rebuild the burned home.

He also pointed out that such Red Cross disaster and family service is given without fanfare or publicity unless the family itself chooses to reveal the circumstances of Red Cross aid.

"The Red Cross seeks the facts"

## Civil Air Patrol Conducts Mission

Group Seven of California Wing, Civil Air Patrol, conducted an Air Force-authorized mission from Torrance Municipal Airport this week. Second Lt. Elmer S. Appeltza, public information officer, reported this week.

The operational staff was composed of members from the 43rd Squadron, he said. Lt. Jean Hardest, CAP, was in command of 114 personnel, 22 aircraft, and a ground rescue team which participated in a simulated air evacuation to Mile Square Airfield in Orange County, a ground marker mission in Palos Verdes Hills, and a practice over-water mission between San Pedro and Catalina Island.

He said he personally welcomed this opportunity to obtain documented reputation of a Civil Air Patrol citizen will again respond as in years past to the appeal for funds to carry on Red Cross disaster relief, the vital Red Cross blood program, and other humanitarian activities.

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